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ATTENTION: FCC Chairman Michael Powell  
& Commissioners.

SENT BY: Harold Frank TITLE: Chairman

DEPARTMENT: Executive EXT. #: 7200

**COMMENTS/ACTIONS:**

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RE: (WC Docket No. 03-133)

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February 14, 2005

Chairman Michael Powell  
Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Kevin Martin  
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C.

RE: WC Docket No. 03-133  
Via Facsimile

Dear Chairman Powel and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

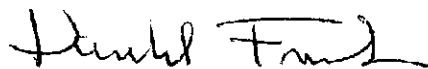
On behalf of the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin I wish to express our concern with the FCCs proposal that would allow new charges and fees to be imposed on pre-paid calling card services. This proposal would raise the cost of pre-paid calling cards by as much as 20% on millions of people who rely on this needed low-cost phone service. We urge the Commission to reject this misguided proposal as it will have a disproportionate and negative effect on tribal communities across the nation.

The FCPC tribal government is located in Crandon, Wisconsin with gaming operations in Milwaukee and Carter. Our tribal members are living in a number of Wisconsin communities and in other States. Inexpensive telephone communication is very important particularly for the many tribal members who live in rural Wisconsin. Traditional phone service can be very expensive and in some cases is unavailable.

Native Americans are among the largest users of pre-paid calling cards as they offer a reliable and inexpensive means of keeping in touch with family and friends. By raising the cost of pre-paid calling cards, the FCC would leave many Potawatomi and other Native Americans literally disconnected from the rest of the country.

We urge the Commission to reject any proposal that would raise the cost of prepaid calling cards on which so many Native Americans rely in the course of their daily lives. Thank you for your consideration of this comment. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harold Frank". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Harold" and last name "Frank" clearly distinguishable.

Chairman Harold Frank  
Forest County Potawatomi Community

Cc/ U.S. Senator Herbert Kohl  
U.S. Senator Russell Feingold  
U.S. Representative Mark Green  
FCPC Attorney General Jeff Crawford